

Good Luck!

Congratulations and good luck to Maria Verdeille, one of our past pupils, who will be competing as part of the para-athletic team at the Commonwealth Games in April. We will follow her progress with great interest.



2018/2019 Inset Days

We are pleased to announce our staff training days for the 2018/19 academic year.

Monday 3 September 2018
Tuesday 4 September 2018
Wednesday 5 September 2018
Monday 7 January 2019
Friday 24 May 2019

Our Occasional Day will be on Friday 30 November 2018.

School is closed for pupils on these dates. We hope by announcing these dates now it helps families to plan holidays and weekends away.

Cyber Safety Fact Sheet – Strong Passwords

We have been asked to circulate information from organisations including Neighbourhood Watch and Hertfordshire Constabulary giving advice about passwords to help prevent online fraud.

Please see the attachment to find out what makes a good password.



Safety on the School Site

Can we please remind families that dogs should not be brought on to the playground.

A reminder also to take care when parking in the turning circle and on the road outside. Please be mindful of children moving in the turning circle having been dropped off by parents or those taking their bikes to the cycle shed. On the road at the front of the school there are white lines indicating where not to park to ensure that the road remains open to all traffic and that the school car parks are easy to access.

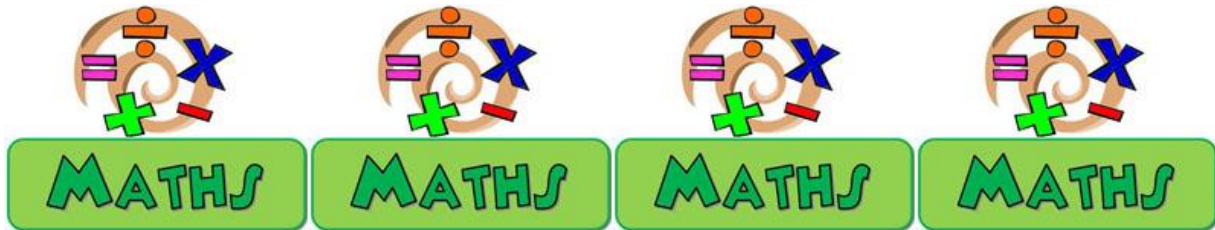
The Pre-School have designated parking spaces in the turning circle and we would ask parents to ensure that these spaces remain accessible at the start and end of each day.

Thank you for your support.

Maths Open Mornings

Thank you to those parents who attended our Maths Open Mornings last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children in their learning environment and gained some insight into strategies used in school which may be helpful to use at home.

We are pleased to welcome Ms Sokhi back to school after her recent absence. The maths morning for Robins class has now been rearranged to take place on Thursday 19th April between 9am and 10am.



Summer/Autumn School Lunch Menu

Herts Catering Ltd have launched their Summer/Autumn lunch menu and a copy is being sent home with this newsletter.

A reminder that a half term's notice is normally require to change lunch days. If you require any amendments, please inform the school office before the Easter break.

Working It Out Together

Our first session of Working It Out Together will take place on Wednesday 9th May at 2pm. The topic will be end of year school reports. We look forward to a lively discussion.



Defibrillator Awareness – A message from the Pumpkin Club

Tuesday 20th March 2018 at Pirton Village Hall 7.30 – 9.30pm.

It is rare that a child has a cardiac arrest but not unknown.

We have a defibrillator on the front of the village hall and while we really hope that no one at the school, playground, football pitch etc. ever needs to use it, this free two hour session with a first aid trainer gives the opportunity to look at it, turn it on and just become familiar with it. It also offers an excellent revision course in how to do CPR and how to know when someone is unconscious or in cardiac arrest.

Please come and join us.



Bags2School Collection

The next Bags2School collection will take place on Friday 23rd March.

Bags can be placed under the main school entrance porch on the morning of 23rd March.

Blue collection bags have been sent home. Black bin liners can also be used if additional bags are needed.

Parent Information Meetings

Following positive feedback from last term's Parent Information Meetings, Mrs Fenner invites you to join her on Thursday 22nd March for further news and updates. The first meeting will take place at 9am in the School Hall and this session will be repeated at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lunchtime Supervisors (MSAs)

We are interested in hearing from anyone who would be willing to join a team of 'bank' midday supervisors to help fill gaps when our current lunchtime staff are on training courses, school trips or off school through illness.

The duties will comprise setting up the school hall ready for lunchtime, assisting the children whilst eating their lunch and supporting the pupils in the playground and on the school field during the lunch time break. Hours would be from 11.45am to 1pm and remuneration will be paid. Candidates will need to hold a valid enhanced DBS check and be willing to undertake safeguarding training. School will bear the cost of any DBS checks and/or training.

Please speak to Mrs Fenner or the school office if you would like more information.



Wildcats Football

We are delighted to announce a collaboration with the Football Association and Lea Sports to establish a Wildcats Girls Football Centre at Pirton School.

The first football session will take place on Wednesday 25th April to celebrate Girls' Football Week. Sessions will cost £3 and take place every Wednesday between 5pm and 6pm. Girls aged 5-11 are all welcome.

To register your interest, please email: cwo@leasports.com Please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

Sport Relief

A reminder that we will be celebrating and fundraising for Sport Relief next week. Sport Relief wristbands will be on sale for £1 from the school office. Our play leaders will be leading 'Daley Challenge' activities at lunchtimes throughout the week inspired by Tom Dale. We would ask for a donation of 20p to join in each activity for example Hula Hoop Challenge and Skip-a-Thon.

On Friday 23rd March, we are asking pupils to come to school in their 'sportiest' clothing – recommended donation of £1. At 2pm parents and family members are invited to join the children on the school field for a Mile Challenge – run or walk whichever suits you! This activity is part of HCC's 'It's Never Too Late to Get Active' campaign.

We look forward to a week of fun activities.



Spring Term Dates 2018

Thursday 22 nd March	9am – Parent Information Meeting in School Hall Swifts & Kestrels (Classes 3 & 4) trip to Verulamium Museum, St Albans 6.30pm Parent Information Meeting in School Hall
Friday 23 rd March	PSA Bags2School Clothes Collection Sport Relief – Family Mile Challenge – 2pm
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term Dates 2018

Monday 16 th April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 17 th April	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Multi Sports Festival
Wednesday 18 th April	Wrens swimming starts
Thursday 19 th April	Robins Maths Open Morning 9am-10am
Tuesday 24 th April	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
Wednesday 25 th April	Wildcats Girls Football commences 5pm-6pm
Tuesday 1 st May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Speed Stacks competition
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 th May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Mini Tennis Challenge
Wednesday 9 th May	Working It Out Together – school reports – 2pm
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 15 th May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th May	Walk to School Week
Friday 25 th May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	Half Term holiday – school closed
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 12 th June	Athletics Rally
Friday 15 th June	Class photographs
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
Wednesday 4 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 2pm and 6.30 pm
Thursday 5 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6.30pm
Friday 6 th July	Reports to Parents
Wednesday 11 th July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 12 th July	Secondary Transfer Day (to be confirmed)
Monday 16 th July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 18 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term

Term Dates 2017-2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April – Friday 27th July 2018
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018
INSET days: Friday 25th May, Monday 4th June, Wednesday 25th July 2018
Occasional Days: Thursday 26th July, Friday 27th July 2018

Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September - Friday 21st December 2018
Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018
INSET Day: Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September, Wednesday 5th September
OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 30th November 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April 2019
Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019
INSET Day: Monday 7th January 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July 2019
Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019
INSET Day: Friday 24th May 2019

Working It Out Together

Name:

I confirm that I will be attending the Working It Out Together session on Wednesday 9th May at 2pm.

Signed: